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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: LI GONG, et al.

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For: LAYER-INDEPENDENT SECURITY FOR  
COMMUNICATION CHANNELS

Examiner: John J. Meyer

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Hon. Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 10, 1998, please amend the  
above-referenced application as indicated hereinafter.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as indicated hereinafter:

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- 1 1. (Amended) A method for providing communication protocol-independent security
  - 2 for data transmitted between a first process, executing on a first network node, and a
  - 3 second process, executing on a second network node, wherein the first network node
  - 4 and the second network node each support at least one common communication
  - 5 protocol, the method comprising the steps of:
  - 6 a) establishing a communication channel between the first network node and the
  - 7 second network node;